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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

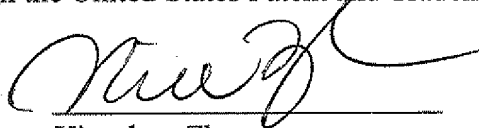
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2007, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group II, encompassing, claims 12-21 drawn to an isolated or recombinant polypeptide comprising a polypeptide of interest (POI) and at least a particle-associating portion of a large envelope polypeptide (L) of an avian hepadnavirus or a functional derivative thereof. Applicants also submit the following preliminary amendment for entry in the application.

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